

1. A method for managing transactions and settlements using:

a supplier system used by a supplier for issuing electronic invoices;

a buyer system used by a buyer for receiving electronic invoices;

a finance system for managing a bank account of the supplier and a bank account of the buyer and for performing deposit/withdrawal processing of the bank accounts;

a server system communicably connected to the supplier system, buyer system and finance system through a communications network;

characterized in comprising the steps in which:

the server system receives electronic invoices from the supplier system to register the invoices into a specified database;

the server system or buyer system receives a payment request for the electronic invoices from the buyer;

the server system receives a notification of deposit/withdrawal processing acknowledging that the deposit/withdrawal processing for the electronic invoices had been performed or a deposit/withdrawal statement based on a result of the deposit/withdrawal processing, from the finance system;

the server system manages the status of the registered electronic invoices by updating the status of the electronic invoices in response to the payment request issued from the buyer as well as to the notification of deposit/withdrawal processing or the deposit/withdrawal statement issued from the finance system, respectively; and

the server system notifies the supplier system of the status of the managed electronic invoices.

2. The method according to claim 1, characterized in that the server system further comprises the step of notifying the buyer system or finance system of the managed status of the electronic invoices.

3. The method of managing the transactions and settlements of the buyer system according to claim 1, characterized in further comprising the steps in which:

the server system sends a GUI screen to the buyer system for showing the buyer the content of electronic invoices in the specified database, and for having the buyer input the payment request for the electronic invoices, and causes the buyer system to display the GUI screen;

the server system or buyer system, responding to the payment request for the electronic invoices inputted by the buyer

to the GUI screen displayed by the buyer system, regarding the displayed electronic invoices, receives the buyer's payment request to prepare and send the electronic payment request for the electronic invoices to the finance system; and

the server system, in response to that the electronic payment request has been sent to the finance system, updates the status of the electronic invoices when the payment request is in progress and sends the payment-request-in-progress to the supplier system.

4. The method according to claim 1, characterized in that the server system further comprises the step of providing the supplier system, buyer system or finance system with a GUI screen displaying the status of a plurality of the electronic invoices on a list.

5. In a management system for transactions and settlements comprising:

- a supplier system used by a supplier for issuing invoices;
- a buyer system used by a buyer for receiving invoices;
- a finance system for managing a bank account of the supplier and a bank account of the buyer and for performing deposit/withdrawal processing of the bank accounts; and
- a server system communicably connected to the supplier

system, buyer system and finance system through a communications network;

wherein, upon receiving an electronic payment request with an identification code for electronic invoices, the finance system is capable of performing deposit/withdrawal processing for the payment of the electronic invoices and sending an electronic deposit/withdrawal statement having the identification code to the server system and supplier system, the server comprising:

means for receiving electronic invoices from the supplier system;

means for registering the received electronic invoices into a specified database;

means for receiving a payment request for the electronic invoices from the buyer;

means for receiving a notification of deposit/withdrawal processing acknowledging that the deposit/withdrawal processing for the electronic invoices had been performed or a deposit/withdrawal statement based on a result of the deposit/withdrawal processing, from the finance system;

means for managing the status of the registered electronic invoices by updating the status of the electronic invoices in response to the payment request issued from the buyer as well as to the notification of deposit/withdrawal processing or the

deposit/withdrawal statement issued from the finance system, respectively; and

means for notifying the supplier system of the status of the managed electronic invoices.

6. In a management system for transactions and settlements comprising:

a supplier system used by a supplier for issuing invoices;
a buyer system used by a buyer for receiving invoices;
a finance system for managing a bank account of the supplier and a bank account of the buyer and for performing deposit/withdrawal processing of the bank accounts; and

a server system communicably connected to the supplier system, buyer system and finance system through a communications network;

wherein, upon receiving an electronic payment request with an identification code for electronic invoices, the finance system is capable of performing deposit/withdrawal processing for the payment of the electronic invoices and sending an electronic deposit/withdrawal statement having the identification code to the server system and supplier system,

a computer program for activating a computer as the server and for causing the computer to execute the following steps of:

receiving electronic invoices from the supplier system;

registering the received electronic invoices into a specified database;

receiving a payment request for the electronic invoices from the buyer;

receiving a notification of deposit/withdrawal processing acknowledging that the deposit/withdrawal processing for the electronic invoices had been performed or a deposit/withdrawal statement based on a result of the deposit/withdrawal processing, from the finance system;

managing the status of the registered electronic invoices by updating the status of the electronic invoices in response to the payment request issued from the buyer as well as to the notification of deposit/withdrawal processing or the deposit/withdrawal statement issued from the finance system, respectively; and

notifying the supplier system of the status of the managed electronic invoices.